

City of Haverhill City Council Minutes

Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 7:00 PM City Council Chambers, Room 202

Present – President Michitson, Councillors Barrett, Vargas, McGonagle, Bevilacqua, LePage, Daly O'Brien, Macek and Sullivan. City Clerk – Linda L. Koutoulas

1. Approval of Records of the Previous Meeting

The minutes were approved.

2. Assignment of the minutes review for the next Meeting

Councillor McGonagle was assigned the minutes.

- **3.** Communications from the Mayor
- 4. Communications and Reports from City Officers and Employees

Communication from Christine Rau, "Brightside" Director; requesting to give their 2015 summary report and to speak regarding the 2016 summary for Haverhill's beautification organization

MS. RAU HIGHLIGHTED PRIORITIES FOR 2016. BRIGHTSIDE IS SEEKING NEW VOLUNTEERS. PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 9, Nays 0

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Communication from Haverhill License Commission requesting to address Council regarding authority to license and regulate "Carry In" alcoholic beverages (Bring Your Own Bottle) for City businesses

TIM COCO REPRESENTED THE LICENSE COMMISSION. CHAIRMAN EDWARDS WAS NOT ABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING. MR COCO STATED THAT A BUSINESS WANTED TO HAVE HIS PATRONS CARRY IN THEIR OWN LIQUOR. ABSENT REGULATIONS TO THE CONTRARY, THEN THIS COULD BE ALLOWED. MR. COCO ASKED THE COUNCIL TO VOTE ONREFERRING THIS MATTER TO THE CITY SOLICITOR TO DRAFT AN ORDINANCE REGULATING CARRY IN FOR ESTABLISHMENTS SEATING LESS THAN 30.

REFERRED TO CITY SOLICITOR TO

DRAFT ORDINANCE Yeas 8, Abstain 1 (Barrett) 8

5. Utility Hearing(s) and Related Order(s)

No Schedule

6. Appointments

Confirming Appointments

Joseph P Sullivan, Board of Appeals; appointment to expire Jan 12 2021

CONFIRMED Yeas 9, Nays 0 9

Non-confirming Appointments

William Bourque, Forestry Management Committee; appointment to expire Jan 12 2017

PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 1D

Thomas Mortimer, Salary Commission; appointment to expire July 8 2016

PLACED ON FILE Yeas 8, Abstain 1 (Bevilacqua) 1E

7. Petitions:

No Schedule

- 8. Applications/Handicap Parking Signs
- 9. One Day Liquor Licenses
- **10.** Applications for Permit
- 11. Tag Days
- **12.** Annual License Renewals:

COIN-OPS (renewals):

Cedarland Amazement Center, 888 Boston rd, 25 Coin-op Machines

GRANTED Yeas 8, Abstain 1 (Bevilacqua) 3B

Chicken Connection, 242 Broadway, 1 Coin-op Machine

GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 3C

GLS Associates-Skating Rink,7 Parkridge rd, 12 Coin-op Machines

GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 3D

SUNDAY LICENSE

Cedarland Amazement Center, 25 Sunday Machines
GRANTED
Yeas 8, Abstain 1 (Bevilacqua)
4B

GLS Associates-Skating Rink, 12 Sunday Machines

GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 4C

13. Hawker/Peddler:

No Schedule

14. Drainlayer 2016 License (renewals):

The following license renewals were all GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0

James Boraczek10Barry Dobeck10BAnthony LoConte10CJoseph Phelan10DRyan Scott10E

15. Hearings & Related Orders

No Schedule

16. NEW BUSINESS/ORDERS

ORDERED: That the sum of \$23,100 be transferred from the Salary Reserve account to the Health & Inspection Salary account to provide the necessary funds for a new Compliance Inspector MR. MACDONALD STATED THIS WOULD FUNDTHE POSITION UNTIL JUNE 30 2016 PASSED

Yeas 9, Nays 0

ORDERED: That the following locations are hereby established as Polling Places for all Elections to be held during the year 2016, in accordance with Chapter 53, Section 24 of the Massachusetts General Laws (see document for complete text)

PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 12

17. Ordinances (File 10 days)

No Schedule

18. Unfinished Business of preceding Meetings:

Document 73-X/2015: Drainlayer license 2016, Bruce Hoehn

PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 73X/2015

19. Monthly Reports

Abatement report from Board of Assessors for month of December 2015

PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 13

20. Communications from Councillors

Communication was received from President Michitson requesting to introduce a new process to identify study issues for 2016 and coordinate them with the Mayor.

PRESIDENT MICHITSON SPOKE ABOUT A PILOT CONCEPT.

REFERRED TO MAYOR Yeas 9, Nays 0 6B

Communication was received from Councillor LePage requesting to present Robert Lockhart with an appreciation citation for his volunteer efforts at Julian Steele elderly housing.

PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 9, Nays 0

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Communication was received from Councillor Daly O'Brien requesting to introduce Graham Schwass of the Forestry Management Committee to give an update on the project at Winnekenni Park.

MR. SCHWASS STATED THAT HE WAS GIVING HIS OWN VIEWPOINT AND WAS NOT SPEAKING FOR THE COMMITTEE. HE WAS OPPOSED TO THE MERRILL TRAIL PROJECT. ROB MOORE, CONSERVATION AGENT, GAVE AN OVERVIEW OF THE FORESTRY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, GOALS AND PRIORITIES. COUNCILLORS SUPPORTED THE PROPOSED

PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 6D

Communication was received from Councillor Bevilacqua requesting to discuss the East Broadway/ Amesbury Road four-way intersection.

PLANS AND PRAISED THE COMMITTEE'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE.

COUNCILLOR MCGONAGLE STATED THAT THIS MATTER WAS DISCUSSED AT THE OCT.8 TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING AND WAS TABLED TO THE JAN $13^{\rm TH}$ TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA TO REFER TO TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE. On the question of passage, the year and nays were as follows:

Yeas, - Councillors Barrett, Vargas, Bevilacqua, Lepage, Sullivan and President Michitson

Nays,- Councillors McGonagle, Daly O'Brien, Macek 3

REFERRED TO TRAFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE

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Communication was received from Councillor Bevilacqua requesting to discuss the reporting back of items referred to Council Committees.

COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA OFFERED A NUMBER OF SUGGESTIONS FOR TIMELY RESPONSE AND REFERRED IT TO ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE. COUNCILLOR MCGONAGLE ADDED THAT A SYSTEM WAS NEEDED TO GET FEEDBACK FROM THE MAYOR AND CITY DEPARTMENTS

MOTION TO REFER TO ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE

WITH ADMENTMENT Yeas 9, Navs 0

PASSED AS AMENDED Yeas 9, Nays 0

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Communication was received from Councillor McGonagle requesting a discussion regarding the removal of a handicap parking space at 11 Ford st as it is no longer needed. REFERRED TO PLANNING Yeas 9, Nav 0

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BARRETT TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO DISCUSSS THE SELECTION OF A NEW SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER, TIMETABLE AND PROCEDURES. **RULES SUSPENDED** Yeas 9, Nays 0

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MACEK TO ANNOUNCE A WORKSHOP ON JAN. 19 AT 6:00PM WITH THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL TO DETERMINE THE PROCEDURE FOR FILLING THE VACANT SCHOOL COMMITTEE SEAT WTH TENTATIVE VOTE TO BE TAKEN AT A JOINT MEETING TENTATIVELY SECHEDULED AT 6:00PM ON JANUARY 26, 2016 MOTION PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0

21. Resolutions and Proclamations

No Schedule

22. Council Committee Reports and Announcements Councillor Sullivan announced there will be a Forestry Management Committee meeting on Jan 19, at 11:30, City Hall, Room 301.

23. Documents referred to Committee Study

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 o'clock P.M.

Yeas 9. Nays 0

Linda Koutoulas Attest: City Clerk